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Title: GENERIC DEVICE CONTROLLER UNIT AND METHOD

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of August 19, 2003, and is timely filed with a three-month extension and the day after a federal holiday.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Weinreb (U.S. Patent No. 2,251,112). No claims have been amended, added, or deleted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.